

# Midway Will Apply For Water Tank Grant

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Mayor Gene Probst informed the Midway Sanitation District Board that the City is applying for a Federal grant to help build a much needed new water tank.

No further discussion was done at this time.

In the Board's elections, Board member Howard Bodily made a motion to reinstate all officers as presently constituted, with Mayor Probst remaining as Chairman.

The Mayor requested that discussion of the Mayflower Development be put on next

month's agenda.

Midway resident Dave Wilson asked the Board to clarify for him their position on the fee schedule for The Homestead's new developments. It was his understanding that the new units were being billed on a different rate schedule. Secretary Shirley Chatwin confirmed that statement.

Bodily assured Wilson that the Board will review the situation closely before the next Board meeting.



# Midway City Okays Land Exchange With LDS Church

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Land was exchanged foot for foot by the Midway City Council and a representative of the LDS Church.

According to Councilman Leo Luke, the Town Hall was built on a fraction of LDS Church property years ago. It didn't seem a big deal then. But for years the two entities have been working on a land trade solution in order to set things straight, said Mayor Gene Probst.

This proposed change, presented by Stake President Wayne Probst,

calls for an exchange of some City frontage west of the Third Ward Chapel for the few feet the Town Hall took and a few feet behind the Church building.

The City wants the land behind the Church so they can own the whole ball diamond located there instead of having it split between the City and Church. The Church conceded with this request.

The only concern about the exchange was expressed by Councilwoman Dorothy Van Wagoner

about losing valuable frontage.

According to Mayor Probst the City is much more interested in the green area than the frontage.

The Church also asked that the City abandon all ideas of a 200 North Street through the land recently acquired for the new LDS Stake Center in Midway. In the original City survey, plans were made for a street there. It has not and would not be advantageous to the City, however, to put that in;

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that would be left up to the developers of that land, said the Council. Since the Church is the developer now, the City agreed to abandon all past plans for the plot.

Councilman Richard Nielson expressed his feeling that this is a unique opportunity for the City to have that much developed green area so close to the Town Square; that it would undoubtedly be an asset to the Town.

## Water Tank

At the Council meeting, plans were also discussed for the City to apply for a Federal grant to help build another much needed water tank. The opportunity to acquire the right land to build it on presented itself to the City last fall, so now is the time to do it, felt the Mayor.

City Planner, Dale Berg reminded the Council that the City does not have the legally defined amount of water storage required for the present number of hookups and fire protection. It was Berg's opinion that the City would have no trouble qualifying for a grant. Both the County and Heber have received grants he said.

"We'll get one," said the Mayor. "We'll build a tank (then) to fit the money on hand...it won't be as large as the one we already have."

Berg said that the standard procedure is to decide how much money the City can put into it, then use that figure to determine the size of grant to apply for. The City

must put up 30 percent.

The Council voted to proceed with the application and plans.

## Public Hearing

A public hearing was set by the Midway City Council for Jan. 20 to hear public input on the grant and to discuss other possible projects for the City to consider.

## Historical Society

Carolyn Hogwood requested the Council approve the proposed Historical Commission Board members as she presented them. Requirements for the members had been acknowledged and met. Five of the members, say Historical Society regulations, must come from the business community of people who have degrees in Humanities. The list included Bob Mathis, Verna Probst, George Olson, Richard Nielson, Fran Anderson, Connie Tatton, John Told, Marge Anderson, and Carolyn Hogwood.

According to Hogwood, the Society's purpose will be to preserve some of the things in town, to help get National and State recognition of the local historical treasures, and to help organize tours of the sites especially during Swiss Days.

The City gave it's approval.

## Police Contract Up

Sheriff Edd Thacker informed the Council that the contract for police service was up at the end of January and would need to be re-negotiated immediately if necessary.





A new channel was dug to divert water from a ditch running into the Robert McDonald home, on the right, but caused more problems by flooding Midway's Center Street last Sunday.

## Ditch Cuts Path To Midway Home

Natalie McDonald, 11, heard a trickle of water when she woke up in her basement bedroom Sunday morning. When she reported it to her father, Robert, he thought snow near the window was just melting and dribbling in. So he started to shovel it out of the window well.

But, he said, the more he shoveled, the more the water ran. Soon there was so much water he started bailing and after half an hour, with water pouring into the basement, he decided he had a larger problem than he originally thought. It was certainly more than he could handle by himself.

In fact, it finally took a backhoe, a snowplow and about 100 volunteers, with shovels and pumps, to finally solve the problem and bail

out the McDonald family home at 53 East 450 South, Midway.

The problem was that ice had blocked a ditch that runs along the rear of the McDonald property. So the water made a new channel, right to Natalie's bedroom window. When McDonald started to shovel, he was, in fact, opening up the channel into the house.

When a Midway City backhoe arrived, it couldn't get to the ice dam because the snow was too deep. So it was used to open up a diversion channel to the street, alongside the McDonald house, while volunteers with shovels cleaned out the ditch. In the meantime, Lane Binggeli brought in a snowplow and opened up a path for the backhoe.

The new channel caused new problems, however, because when the water hit the street, it flowed west and began to flood Center Street.

But by 4:30, the last of the volunteers departed, leaving the water running in the ditch, where it belonged, and the McDonald's very grateful for all their help.

Although they had to pull the carpeting up from the floor so it could dry, McDonald said he thought it would all be okay, except that some padding would probably have to be replaced.

It was not exactly the way the McDonald's had planned the day. They had to cancel a family dinner in their downstairs family room Sunday afternoon.

## Officials in Wasatch County seek irrigation aid

By Steve Fidel 23 Mar 1989  
Deseret News staff writer

Wasatch County officials approached Gov. Norm Bangerter Wednesday about financial support for a \$20 million sprinkler irrigation system they say will be needed once Jordanelle Reservoir starts soaking up water supplies on the upper Provo River.

County Commission representatives met with the governor Wednesday and hope to meet with other state and federal water officials about a plan to replace flood irrigation in Wasatch County with a pressurized sprinkler irrigation system.

Jordanelle and other features of the Central Utah Project will have an adverse affect on irrigation water supplies in the county, but water exchanges could benefit the CUP, flows on Daniels Creek and Wasatch County water users, said David L.

Wilson, who spoke for the County Commission Wednesday and represents Wasatch and Summit counties on the board of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, the CUP's state sponsor.

Wilson said a CUP plan to buy 3,400 acre-feet of Daniels Creek water for \$7 million could be replaced with a water exchange from Wasatch County and the money could be used to offset part of the expense of building the \$20 million irrigation system.

The development of Deer Creek Reservoir and Jordanelle Dam, now under construction 6 miles north of Heber, restricted Wasatch County's options for developing its water rights, he said. The flood irrigation system in the county is also terribly inefficient, but the county could get by with less water if the irrigation system was piped.

"This is the best solution to our problem. It has almost unanimous approval of the people in our valley," Wilson said.

Bangerter said any involvement by the state should be coordinated through the State Engineer and the director of the Division of Water Resources.

Wilson said those officials will be hearing about the plan, as will members of Utah's congressional delegation and the Bureau of Reclamation, contractor for the CUP.



## Midway Raises Water Rates

Midway City Council voted to restructure their water rate schedule and increase the fees. The first 30,000 gallons will be billed at the minimum rate of \$7. The next 20,000 gallon usage will be billed at 40 cents per 1,000; the next 50,000 gallons usage will be billed at 60 cents per 1,000; all usage over 100,000 gallons will be billed at \$1 per 1,000. The new schedule is effective as of May 1, 1989. Beginning next year, meters will be read April 1.

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## Midway City Begins The Year With Water Issues

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A motion to have Dale Berg, of Sowby and Berg Consultants, apply for the Safe Drinking Water loan and the Community Block Grant monies was passed unanimously. It was decided that the Mayor, along with Berg, and Councilman Grant Shelton, who is in charge of City water, would meet and negotiate with the owners of property above Homestead Drive, which would be desirable for building the new water tank on.

An annexation request made by Clark Olsen was heard regarding 2-1/2 acres on Carrie Lane that is half in the County and half in the City. Olsen proposed building two summer houses on the land but needed water. Several Council members stated that they felt the City couldn't consider annexation until the City water problems were resolved. Olsen was denied.

The City was presented with a letter from the irrigation company

containing a bill of \$9,000 for water used during the 1989 summer months. After discussion by the City Council, Mayor Bezzant asked Dale Berg, former City engineer and partner in Sowby and Berg Consultants, to review the figures and present his opinion as to the amount of water the City actually used at the next Council Meeting.

Ideas were discussed regarding how the City could best use and develop the Bard Sulser property it recently purchased. One mentioned idea was to use it in connection with the upcoming Midway Centennial Celebration in 1991. Councilman Stevan Ridge was appointed to represent the City in organizing the Centennial celebration.

The issue of the contract for police services with the County, which will automatically renew in January unless the City Council votes to cancel or change it, was discussed. No action was taken and

the matter was tabled for future consideration.

Mayor Bezzant assigned Councilman Michael Bronson to represent the City in forming a citizen's advisory committee as a panel for citizens to stay informed and give knowledgeable input to City problems and issues. He suggested to Bronson that the issue of local police protection would be an appropriate issue for said advisory committee to consider.

The Council voted to reappoint Shirley Chatwin as recorder, and Gay Motley as treasurer. Each Council member was assigned City departments to be responsible for, and Council Meeting times were set to conform with daylight standard time at 7:00 in the winter and 8:00 in the summer on the first Thursday of each month.

They voted to pay the City's bills, and went home.

## Midway Sanitation Meeting

In their first meeting of the year on Jan. 2, the Midway Sanitation District Board of Trustees voted to continue to hold their meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the District Office at 75 North 100 West.

They also re-elected Eugene Probst as chairman, and reappointed Howard Bodily to represent the Midway Sanitation District on the Heber Valley Special Service District Board.

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# Midway Water Restrictions Lifted

Midway residents can now use all the water they need on their odd or even day assignment, said Councilman Grant Shelton at the monthly Council Meeting held Thursday, Sept. 6. The Council voiced their appreciation for the cooperation of local residents during the summer water restrictions. According to Shelton, there are still problems to fix above the cemetery but they should be handled shortly.

After a brief public hearing held before the Council Meeting to discuss a proposed employee compensation schedule, the Council members voted in their regular meeting to pass an ordinance on the salaries of the City treasurer and recorder. The entry level monthly salary for the treasurer will be \$1,165 and the top was set at \$1,725/month. Entry level for the recorder was set at \$1,625/month with the top being \$2,434/month. A motion to adopt the schedule was made by Councilman Richard Nielson. The motion passed unanimously.

Randy Deschamps, City Planning Administrator, reported to the Council on the recent meetings about the Brighton Resort proposal,

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which he has attended as the City's representative. The City, he said, has jurisdiction for planning the zoning for all development in the City boundary, and a say in projects proposed for the 1/2 mile around the City limits, according to annexation rights. They will also be included in a council to review the watershed proposals and issues, and to review impacts it sees occurring on its watershed.

The Council decided to wait until they hear the impact statements now being prepared before they decide how they feel about the issue.

There will be a public hearing about the issue to which all interested persons are invited held Friday, Sept. 12 at the Midway Elementary School, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The meeting will be unstructured. In other words, you can come any time and ask questions of the officials there. There will be no scheduled speakers nor formal format.

Britt Mathwich, manager of The Homestead, asked that they be given a year extension on their present meter and system to see if the six inch meter which Horrocks En-

gineering recommended to the City that The Homestead install is actually necessary. He presented data charting The Homestead's tremendous decrease of usage of Midway culinary water over the past three years, and cited that at the present usage, the existing water meter is adequate.

The Council unanimously voted to give The Homestead one more year, after which time they will re-evaluate the adequacy of the meter.

Mathwich also requested permission to install two Homestead directional signs on property in town, where the owners have requested that they do so, in order to stop the frequent disturbances the residents receive from direction-seeking tourists. They were given permission.

Bids were opened for the continuation of construction of the sidewalk along south Center Street. The low bid was accepted from Binggeli Rock, of Charleston, for the 820 feet of sidewalk. The low bid would leave some funds from the grant monies to be used elsewhere in town on a State road.

Councilwoman Dorothy Van

Wagoner informed the Council that the Boosters Club offered to give the City funds to install an additional sidewalk. Van Wagoner recommended that the funds be used for a sidewalk along the west side of 200 West. The Council agreed.

Bids were also opened and read for construction of the proposed water line and tank modifications. Nine companies bid with the low bidder being George W. Hansen Construction Company, of Mt. Pleasant, for the three bid schedules and two alternatives decided upon. Their acceptance is subject to approval of their company by the state.

Les Corbett was reappointed to the Planning Commission and Dennis Clegg's retirement was accepted. Names were suggested by the Mayor, as well as by Councilmen, for a replacement for Clegg and voted on by the Council.

After an animated discussion about the confusion between Council members regarding the role of their own Council-organized Citizen's Advisory Committee, the Council decided to disband the

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committee as unnecessary.

They also decided to reorganize and appoint a new Safety Program committee next month.

Swiss Oaks was given approval for the final plans for additional development termed Plat K, subject to landscaping completion and appropriate signatures.

Jonathan Clegg, City Zoning Administrator, reported on the results of a premise occupation complaint against Dennis Weaver made by Bill Probst. Since the complained-against situation is no longer going on, the Council decided to take no action now, but monitor the situation from time to time.

Councilman Micheal Bronson made a motion to pass Ordinance 90-7, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which had been discussed at a public hearing prior to the Council Meeting. The ordinance passed unanimously.

County Sheriff Edd Thacker thanked Midway City for their support during the recent fire and during the flood alerts. He also reported that from the standpoint of the police, Swiss Days went very well, with no real emergencies. He stated that he felt like that is due to the quality of people who come to the quality City-run celebration.

He reported that they are still working on the recent vandalism in town. He also mentioned that the department will work with the local school crossing guards more than they have done so far this year, and that they will be trained and advised by his department.

Nielson was directed to investigate burial fees, as recently questioned by a local resident. He was also directed to check City finances with regards to the opportunity to purchase additional lands for the City cemetery.

Bronson reported that there are still roads which need attention, but that the road monies are depleted. He was asked by Van Wagoner to check into the placement of "Children at Play" signs on 100 North. She expressed her concern about the dangerous situation existing on that street.

Bronson also publicly expressed appreciation to Rick Tatton for all the work he has recently done voluntarily on 100 West to improve the road condition.

Connie Tatton, representative for the Swiss Handbell Ringers, expressed their thanks to the City for the use of the Town Hall for the Bell Ringers' recent concert series, and for their support in other ways. She also reported somewhat on the financial status of the organization and that they are asking for support from the transient room tax committee. A brief discussion ensued about Midway's present lack of direct local benefit from the tax. Nothing was decided.

# County Pays Irrigation Companies Share For Study

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The Wasatch County Commission agreed to pay \$500 to pay off the balance owed for a \$250,000 water study, begun about three years ago by the U.S. Geological Survey, because two irrigation companies and several individual water users refuse to pay their full share of the cost.

According to Bob Mathis, county planner, the study was conducted to determine the quantity and quality of water in the Heber Valley and Round Valley, and to determine what moves or changes the water. For instance, one question that was answered was what the effect would be on ditch irrigation in the valleys if sprinkling replaced flood irrigation on the benches.

He said the study's information is vitally important in determining water rights, and to learn about the effect of the Jordanelle project. A draft of the report is available in the county planning office for the public to read.

About half of the cost was paid by the federal government, one fourth by the state, and the balance was divided between the county, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and water users. The county's share, including contributions from the cities and the sewer district, was \$5,000 and the water users were also supposed to pay \$5,000.

Val Warnick, U.S.U Extension Service, and David Wilson, a

member of the CUWCD board, told the commission Monday the district advanced \$2,900 for the county's share of the cost, which was to have been repaid over two years. They said the additional \$500 will pay off that bill.

The problem, they explained, is that the Main Creek Irrigation Co. still owes \$226 and the North Ditch Irrigation Co. still owes \$250 for

the study, and are not expected to pay. Both companies are located in Wallsburg and will benefit from the study. Also some individual water users have not paid their share.

Wilson said he was asking the county to clean up the bill only as a last resort. Any payments from the water users that may be paid in the future will be turned over to the county.



# Orton Wants County Irrigation System Back in CUP Bill

1-9-91

Rep. Bill Orton has canceled a public meeting in Wasatch County that was tentatively scheduled for this week. The county commissioners also had hoped to spend time with Orton to explain in detail their objections to the Central Utah Project (CUP) funding bill that is expected to be passed during this session of Congress.

Orton joined Rep. James Hansen as a co-sponsor of the bill, which was introduced to the House last week, but said he would like to make some minor changes in it. One would restore funding for a pressurized sprinkling system in the Heber Valley.

Wasatch County officials had been told by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation the bill would include \$20 million for the system and asked Sen. Orrin Hatch to try to get an additional \$10 million. But when the bill was introduced to the

House last year, the appropriation had been replaced with \$500,000 for a feasibility study. County efforts to get the funding restored have so far failed.

The House passed the bill last October, 211 to 143, but failed in the Senate because Calif. Rep. George Miller, a key member of the House Interior Committee, had attached unrelated, controversial reclamation reforms to the measure and would not support the legislation without them.

However, Miller's amendments have been deleted from the bill and the Utah delegation, which unanimously supports the present version, expects it to be passed.

The bill originally would have authorized spending \$679.9 million to complete the \$2.2 billion CUP project, but some sources say \$895 million will be needed.



## Culinary Water Regulations Will Begin in Midway

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